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In Re the Application of:

DRAKE et al.

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Atty. File No. 4471-1-DIV-CON

For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
MINING HYDROCARBON-  
CONTAINING MATERIALS"

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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) submit this Amendment After Allowance pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312 in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due having a mailing date of October 14, 2004. An amendment may be entered after the mailing of a Notice of Allowance but prior to payment of the issue fee upon the recommendation of the primary examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above-referenced application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.